CLAIM AMENDMENTS

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1-9.   (Cancelled)

10.   (**Currently Amended**)   A speaker-dependent speech recognition method recognizing speech with a speech recognition system, the method comprising:

a) ~~providing that~~ recording a voice utterances of a user and generating a first voice pattern ~~are trained and commands are assigned to the trained voice utterances; and~~:

b) comparing the first voice pattern with voice patterns previously stored in a database:

~~providing the user~~ upon non-recognition of the first ~~a~~ voice ~~utterance~~ pattern:

c) providing the user with an option to ~~and via the speech recognition system, an opportunity to immediately~~ assign the voice utterance to a new command ~~prior to any subsequent user input,~~ wherein a method for assigning the voice utterance to a new command comprises the steps of:

d) recording another voice utterance and generating a second voice pattern:

e) comparing said second voice pattern with said first voice pattern: and

f) if the comparison shows a predefined degree of similarity then combining the first and second voice pattern and assigning a new command to the combined voice pattern and storing the combined voice pattern in said database, and otherwise repeating steps d) to f).

11.   (**Currently Amended**)   A speaker-dependent speech recognition method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the step of combining the first and second voice pattern comprises the step of averaging individual characteristics of the first and second voice

pattern, ~~upon the non-recognition of the voice utterance by the speech recognition system, the~~ ~~user may one of repeat the voice utterance and assign a new command to the voice utterance.~~

12. (**Currently Amended**) A speaker-dependent speech recognition method as claimed in Claim 10, ~~wherein if no command has yet been assigned to a voice utterance, the~~ ~~speech recognition system, after having been activated, offers the training of a new~~ ~~command~~further comprising the step of :

e1) comparing the second voice pattern with the voice patterns previously stored in the database and if a similarity is less than a predetermined threshold then recording a new voice utterance which is used to for a subsequent command assignment.

13. (Previously Presented) A speaker-dependent speech recognition method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein upon the non-recognition of a voice utterance for a command already trained by the speech recognition system, the user may select the command and assign the voice utterance to the selected command.

14. (**Currently Amended**) A speaker-dependent speech recognition method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein ~~for~~ upon recognition of ~~a voice utterance, a~~the first voice pattern ~~is generated which is assigned to the voice utterance~~an assigned command is executed.

15. (**Currently Amended**) A speaker-dependent speech recognition method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein ~~before a~~after assigning the new command, the new command is executed ~~is assigned to a voice utterance, a check is carried out to determine whether the~~ ~~voice utterance is similar to previously stored voice utterances.~~

16. (**Currently Amended**) A speech recognition system for a speaker-dependent recognition of voice, comprising:

a voice recording device for recording a voice utterance of a user of the speech recognition system;

a search engine for accessing a database which contains an assignment between voice ~~utterances~~ patterns and commands in order to find a command assigned to the voice utterance; ~~and~~wherein the system is operable:

to generate a first voice pattern from the recorded voice utterance;

to compare the first voice pattern with voice patterns previously stored in the database;

upon non-recognition of the first voice pattern:

to provide the user with an option to assign the voice utterance to a new command, wherein the system if further operable for assigning the voice utterance to a new command:

to record another voice utterance with said voice recording device and to generate a second voice pattern;

to compare said second voice pattern with said first voice pattern; and if the comparison shows a predefined degree of similarity, to combine the first and second voice pattern and assigning a new command to the combined voice pattern and to store the combined voice pattern in said database~~a conversion device for converting the command found due to the voice utterance, wherein upon non-recognition of the voice utterance, the speech recognition system provides the user with an opportunity to immediately assign the voice utterance to a new command prior to any subsequent user input.~~

17.   (Previously Presented) A speech recognition system as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the voice recording device is connected to a memory in which the voice utterance is temporarily stored and wherein the memory is connected to the database for writing the voice utterance into the database.

18.   (**Currently Amended**) A speech recognition system as claimed in Claim 16, further comprising a feature extraction device for generating ~~a~~the first and second voice patterns from the voice utterance~~s~~, the feature extraction device being arranged between the voice recording device and the memory~~, with the voice pattern replacing the voice utterance~~.